

Some photos from this last fortnight.....



St Francis School Newsletter, Friday 14th November, 2025



**Important upcoming events and notices:**

19th Nov	THS Orientation Day for Year 8's @ 8.45am
21st Nov	Thames Valley Athletics
24th Nov	St Cecilia Concert
26th Nov	BOT Meeting 6pm
3rd Dec	School Christmas Cultural Show
6th Dec	Thames Santa Parade ( <b>meet 10am school</b> )
8th Dec	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
10th Dec	End of Year Mass & Prize giving @ 5.30pm

**Kia ora, Malo e lelei, Namaste, Bula Vinaka, Kamusta, Šuostei, Šawasdee, Talofa,**

This week our Year 5–8 students enjoyed a wonderful school camp in Hunua. It was an excellent opportunity for them to experience a wide variety of new activities and to overcome some challenging situations.

I would like to thank Whaea Sue for her organisation of the camp, as well as our wonderful group of parent helpers who volunteered their time to transport, supervise, and encourage our students.

Our children were fantastic! They stepped out of their comfort zones, looked after each other, and, most importantly, had a wonderful new experience with their friends.

This week we have also welcomed our two new priests, Father Adrianus and Father Yornes, who have joined us from Auckland. Please take some time to introduce yourself and make them feel welcome.

Well done to all of our students who represented St Francis so well at the Inter-School Athletics last Friday. We have a strong group of eight children who will represent Thames in the Thames Valley Athletics meet next Friday.

Please check the important dates and reminders at the top of this page, as there is lots happening over the coming month.

Have a great weekend, and God bless.

*Value of the Week: Love - Aroha*  
*We love God with all our hearts*  
*We love each other as we love ourselves*

*Our School Vision:*  
*Learning to love and*  
*Loving to learn.*

Te Kura Tuarua o Te Kauhāeranga  
Thames High School

**Year 8 Orientation**

**Wednesday 12 November**  
Moanataiari School, Matatoki School & Te Kura o Te Kauhāeranga

**Wednesday 19 November**  
Te Puru School, St Francis School & Parawai School

**When: 8.45am- 3pm**  
**Where: Wharenui**

Kia kōwhiri ai te piki ake, kia ikeike rawa ki te toamata  
We grow together to achieve one's true potential

Run by our very own friendly and caring Teacher Aides; Whaea Lisa & Dayna!

3 - 5pm Weekdays Term-time only



\$10 PER CHILD PER HOUR

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Fun activities including music, dancing and games!

Get in quick to secure your space!



Please contact: Whaea Lisa on 027 3455 153 or Whaea Dayna on 0204 041 7652

\*Cash payments only daily/weekly to Whaea Lisa or Dayna

Future Te Aroha Presents

**A Very Merry Christmas**  
A STORY OF LOVE AND LAUGHTER

**DECEMBER 3<sup>RD</sup> - 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
AN INTERACTIVE FESTIVE EXPERIENCE FOR ALL AGES

**BOOK TODAY!**  
Future Te Aroha, 13 Boundary St, Te Aroha  
(07) 884 9489  
futureta@xtra.co.nz

**NETHERTON SCHOOL**  
TAKE PRIDE  
RESPECT

**Netherton School's Gala**

Join us for an unforgettable evening of family fun, entertainment, and community spirit at our Fundraising Gala where your presence makes a difference!

28th November 2025  
3.00pm  
Netherton School Grounds

Highlights include:  
Delicious food stalls  
Cake comp  
Games & raffles  
Live entertainment  
Craft & market stalls  
Bouncy castles & rides

Contact Jess to book your stall!  
07 862 3847

Bring the whole family and support our school!  
All proceeds go towards supporting our new playground

**Prayer and Pastoral Support**

We remember all who are mourning, asking for comfort, strength, and peace in their time of sorrow.

We pray for those in our community who are suffering and struggling with finances, housing and isolation. May we as a community be the face and hands of Christ for them all.

If you, or anyone you know have any pastoral needs in our community, please contact;  
**Oliver Fahey or Sister Pau-**



**Altar Servers for Sunday Mass:**

- 16 Nov Francis/Patrick/Ayla/Maire
- 23 Nov Marilyn/Dimple/Rillaniya/Serah
- 30 Nov Aidan/Jaren/Aileen/Luke

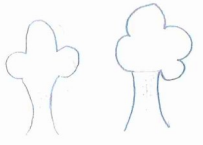
**Piano Lessons**

Sharyn Clark has spaces available for new students to learn piano.

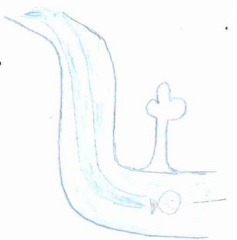
Please contact Sharyn on:  
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[sharynclark22@gmail.com](mailto:sharynclark22@gmail.com)

**Life** Written by Pearce Regis

Life....on the streets, the people, the planet, the forest, the animals, the city, the buildings, the streams, the schools. Everything is life.



Welcome to New Zealand. There's the North Island and the South Island and Stewart Island. The shorebirds walk around the beach, the kingfishers fish for food, the fish swim around their usual habitats, the people looking for a job, the planets circle around the sun, it's time for the leaves to fall off the trees. Who made this planet or everything else? It's the father, God. He made the planets, the sun, the ocean, the clouds, the land, the trees, the animals, and the first man on earth. Those are God's creations. That is the end of my documentary called life.



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**SchoolDocs**  
Policies and Procedures

SchoolDocs is the online policy and procedure service for schools. To access our policies and procedures:

- Go to <https://www.schooldocs.co.nz/Home/SchoolLogin>
- Click on the green box "Search for your school" top right-hand corner of SchoolDocs page
- Start typing **St Francis School Thames** and then select it from the dropdown list
- Enter our community: **Username: stfrancis-thames**  
**Password: mackay**